

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, March 16, 2007, by Lund Chin, O.D., Chair. The meeting was held the Coast Gateway Hotel, 18415 International Blvd, Seatac Washington.

BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

Lund Chin, O.D., Chair  
Thomas Riley, O.D.  
Jeffrey Sutro, O.D.  
Laura Toepfer, O.D.  
Mariann Tonder, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General  
Patti Latsch, Deputy Director, Health Professions  
Quality Assurance.  
Lisa Salmi, Acting Executive Director  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager  
Karli Bourne, Program Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wayne Serin, O.D.

**ORDER OF AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION:**

**9:00 a.m.                    CALL TO ORDER**

1.     Approval of Agenda  
      The Agenda was approved as written.
2.     Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2006 Meeting  
      The minutes were approved with correction to Item 11, regarding chapter 19 RCW.

## REPORTS

3. Lund Chin, O.D., Chair

Dr. Chin reported that Mary Lou Staples has been reappointed to her position as the Board's Public Member.

Dr. Chin reported on his participation with weekly "Meet-Me" calls facilitated by Bonnie King, Director of Health Professions Quality Assurance at the Department of Health. Members of all Boards, Commissions, and Committees are invited to participate in these calls. The purpose of the calls is to discuss pending legislation that may effect the health care professions regulated by the Department of Health.

4. Lisa Salmi, Acting Executive Director

Ms. Salmi informed the Board of upcoming meetings and conferences in which they would have an opportunity to participate.

- May 14, 2007 Spring Board/Commission Leadership Forum at the Radisson Hotel in Seattle.
- Fall Board, Commission, Committee Forum at the Renton Holiday Inn.
- October 31-November 2, 2007, Citizens Advocacy Center Conference at the Edgewater Hotel in Seattle.

Ms. Salmi also updated the Board on the current status of the Health Profession Quality Assurance reorganization plans and the recruitment for Executive Director for Section Four.

5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

Gail Yu, AAG and Advisor to the Board, discussed a recent Washington Supreme Court decision in which the Court stated that the minimum constitutional standard of proof in a professional disciplinary hearing is clear and convincing evidence.

6. Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Ms. Haenke advised the Board that the Oregon Optometric Physician Association will be holding an Advance Ocular Therapy (AOT) didactic Course on August 20, 21, and 22, 2007 at Pacific University College of Optometry. The Oregon Association will also be holding an AOT Injection Lab on August 19, 2007 at Pacific University College of Optometry. The Oregon AOT Didactic Course and the Injection Lab, offered after September 2006, have been approved by the Board as meeting the Washington State requirement for the didactic training and injection lab. Persons would still need to take the Washington State eight hour supervised clinical course to meet the complete Washington requirement for oral medication and injection of epinephrine. Interested persons should contact the Oregon Optometry Association at [www.oregonoptometry.org](http://www.oregonoptometry.org)

## DISCUSSION

### 7. **Post-Graduate Seminar – March 2007.**

Seminar Chair, Dr. Lund Chin, provided an update on the 2007 Seminar to begin the following day, March 17, 2007, in Kane Hall at the University of Washington.

### 8. **Legislative Update. Information/Action**

The Board discussed the following 2007 legislation.

**House Bill: 1103:** This bill shifts the authority to authorize investigations and to make charging decisions from the boards and commissions to the Secretary of the department of health. Following discussion the Board agreed that it would send a letter to Secretary Selecky expressing its concerns about the bill. Dr. Tonder and Dr. Toepfer will draft a proposed letter.

**House Bill 1300:** The bill, proposed by the Department, amends the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA) in three areas:

- 1) changes the process for denying applications
- 2) allows permanent revocation for egregious violations
- 3) creates a citation and fine process to make sure documents are produced in response to investigative requests

**House Bill 1553:** This bill establishes a real time web-based interactive prescription monitoring program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of schedule II-V controlled substances.

**House Bill 1667:** Places a \$1.50 surcharge on all credentials. The surcharge will go into the Health Professions account and the funding will be used to reduce renewal fees for any profession renewal fee that exceeds \$500.

**Senate Bill 5509:** The bill modifies the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA) by modifying the way complaints are handled, incorporating court rulings into statute, changing the definitions in the act, and by requiring complaints to be in writing and signed by the complainant. The substitute bill made minor changes that do not address the concerns raised about the bill. The second substitute bill makes one change – permitting a complainant or his/her representative to sign a written complaint.

**Senate Bill 6803:** The bill provides a means for health professionals to access medical and scientific information through the University of Washington health sciences library. The bill increases the health professional's annual licensing fee by \$25.00 to obtain this access. The Department of Health will collect this fee from the health professionals and transfer the funds to the University of Washington.

## PRESENTATION.

### 9. **Presentation of Revised Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines**

Patti Latsch, Deputy Director, Health Professions Quality Assurance, presented an overview of the revised Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines. Following discussion a motion was carried to use the guidelines in an advisory capacity for twelve months and then reevaluate at that time to consider for permanent adoption if appropriate.

## DISCUSSION

### 10. **Continuing Education.**

10.1 The Board approved the following continuing education courses:

Refractive surgery update/What's New in Corneal Transplant; Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute. Approved for three Hours.

New Frontiers in Clinical Glaucoma III; John C. Brown, O.D./Columbia University; Approved for 12 hours.

New Frontiers in Clinical Glaucoma II; John C. Brown, O.D./Columbia University; Approved for 11.5 hours

2007 American Glaucoma Society; John C. Brown, O.D./Columbia University; Approved for 15.5 hours.

Retinal Disease Update: "New Treatment Strategies" and "When Should you Consider Referring?"

Jay M. Haynie, O.D.; Approved for 10 hours.

Update on Amblyopia: A Summary of Recent Clinical Trials, and What Can we do for Normal Tension Glaucoma?; Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute; Approved for 2 hours.

Optometric Management: Preserving Presbyopic Vision; Harue J. Marsden, O.D.; Approved for 2 hours.

Updating Amblyopia and Strabismus; Jeffrey Snow, O.D.; Approved for one hour.

Current Contact Lens Trends; Kelly McKinney, O.D. and Jennifer Pine, O.D.; Approved for one hour.

Presbyopic IOL's; Steven Day, M.D.; Approved for one hour.

Minimizing Medical Malpractice; Thomas M Bayne; Approved for one hour.

Advances in AMD Care, Symposium of Multiple Authors; Gary Strand, OD, Approved for 10 hours.

Developing a Diabetes Specialty Within our Optometric Practice; Paul Chous, OD; Approved for 9 hours.

Papilledema With Vision Loss and Diabetes; Paul L. Chous, OD; Approved for 5 hours.

Posterior Fundus Examination, Retinal Care for Baby Boomers; Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute; Approved for three hours.

Post-Operative Management of the Cataract Patient; Brett Bence, O.D.; Approved for two hours.

Northwest Ocular Pathology Winter Conference-Glaucoma: What you See is Not Always What You Get; Kaiser Permanente; Approved for four hours.

Coding and Billing Update; Northwest Eye Surgeons; Approved for two hours.

Pachymetry, Topography and Aberrometry – Conductive Keratoplasty: A technical and Clinical Overview: Refractive Surgery Update; Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute; Approved for 3 hours.  
Traumatic Brain Injury; Thomas Riley, O.D.; Approved for four hours.  
The Generation Multifocal IOL; Kaiser Permanente; Approved for one hour.  
Our most interesting cases ; Northwest Eye Surgeons; Approved for one hour.  
Fusarium Outbreak; Dan David, O.D.; Approved for 3 hours.  
Ultrasounograph; Living Now and Preserving Vision for 2023; Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute; Approved for three hours.

10.2 Designation of reviewer for Spring Quarter.  
Laura Toepfer, O.D., was designated as reviewer of continuing education courses through June 8, 2007.

**11. Review of Operating Agreement.**

RCW 43.70.240 requires that the Secretary of the Department of Health enter into written operating agreements on administrative procedures with the health profession Boards/Commissions under the administration of DOH. The statute requires that this agreement, at a minimum, address administrative activities supporting Board/Commission policies, goals and objectives, and the agency's budget as it relates to the Board/Commission and Board/Commission related personnel issues. The Board reviewed the current operating agreement, and following discussion, agreed to continue to accept the agreement as written.

**12. Correspondence**

The Board was asked whether or not it supports the use of OE Tracker; whether it would be used at the post graduate seminar at Kane Hall; and whether it will accept an OE Tracker report as proof of continuing education. OE tracker is a program offered by the Association of Regulatory Board of Optometry (ARBO) which tracks and documents continuing education courses. The program anticipates that national, regional, state and local optometric education meetings will report the attendance directly to the OE Tracker database.

Following discussion the Board agreed that it would accept certification of continuing education courses from OE Tracker.

**13. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO)**

The Board designated Laura Toepfer, O.D., and Judy Haenke, Program Manager to attend the June 2007 Annual Meeting

**14. June 2008 Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry Annual Meeting.**

The Board expressed interest in the full Board attendance at the ARBO meeting in 2008, which will be held in Seattle. The Board asked that this trip be considered when developing the 2007-2009 budget.

**15. Signature Delegation to Staff.**

The current authorization on file does not include delegation of signature authority for approval of routine credentialing applications. Non routine applications including those that are credentialing by endorsement, those with disciplinary activity or those for reinstatement that have been delinquent for more than three years are brought to the Board for its review.

Following discussion, the Board delegated approval of routine credentialing applications to staff.

**16. Other Open Session Business**

Dr. Sutro briefly spoke of the recently adopted Department of Licensing driver license vision exam requirements.

**17. Open Forum**

There were no comments from the audience.

**3:30 p.m. CLOSED SESSION:**

**18. Review of License Applications**

The Board considered and approved one application.

**19. Disciplinary Case Review**

None to Review

**20. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lund Chin, O.D., Chair